

# TEN PAGES

## IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA SYSTEM.

New Lines to Be Constructed, Others to Be Double Tracked and One Road to Have a Third Track.

## WILL COST OVER \$10,000,000

## ACTION OF DIRECTORS OF THE THREE COMPANIES INTERESTED.

One Million and a Half to Be Used in Betterments on the Panhandle Division.

## ELEVATED RAILWAY DEAL

## MANHATTAN COMPANY'S PROPERTY LEASED FOR 990 YEARS.

Taken by the Interborough Company, Which Will Operate the Subway Now Being Built at New York.

## SMALL WRECK NEAR PERU

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 26.—The directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Pennsylvania Company and the Panhandle road today authorized improvements which will cost more than \$10,000,000. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will expend nearly \$3,000,000 on improvements between this city and Harrisburg, which will include surveys for a new low-grade line from Cresskill, Pa., on the Columbia & Port Deposit branch across Lancaster and Chester counties to a connection with the main line at Atglen, Pa., a distance of thirty miles. The Pennsylvania Company authorized the expenditure of \$6,000,000 for improvements on the North-western system, to be completed within the next two years. These will include the double tracking of the Fort Wayne between Pittsburgh and Chicago, the work to be done in that direction being principally upon the western division between Crestline and Chicago; also for double-tracking the Cleveland & Pittsburgh between Hudson and Ravenna. The directors also approved the surveys for a contemplated new line to extend from Lawrence Junction on the Fort Wayne to Redbank on the low-grade division of the Allegheny Valley.

Of the \$1,500,000 authorized to be expended for improvements by the Panhandle directors a considerable portion will be used for second-track work west of Columbus, third-track work between Pittsburgh and Steubenville, O., and double-tracking a portion of the Chautauque Railroad.

The directors of both the Pennsylvania Company and the Panhandle approved the plan for establishing savings funds paying 2 1/2 per cent. interest upon deposits, to go into effect on Jan. 1, and also the action of President Cassatt in advancing the wages of the employees 10 per cent. dating from Nov. 1.

Soundings are being taken in the Hunter section of Long Island for what is expected to be the largest electrical power house in the world. The building is to be erected by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and it is the reported intention to develop motive power to operate the entire underground system which the company contemplates running under Manhattan. In addition to several of the shorter branches on the Long Island Railroad.

## LEASED FOR 990 YEARS.

Manhattan Elevated Taken by the Interborough Company.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—The official announcement was made today that the Manhattan Elevated Railway Company will be leased to the Interborough Company, which is to operate the subway now being built, to take effect April 1, 1903. The rental from April 1, 1903, to Jan. 1, 1906, will be the net earnings of the Manhattan Company, not exceeding 7 per cent. After Jan. 1, 1906, the rental will be 7 per cent. flat on Manhattan stock, guaranteed by the Interborough Company. The Manhattan Railway Company will increase its stock to \$35,000,000, for the purpose of completing improvements. This is an increase of about \$7,000,000. The Manhattan stockholders will be given the new stock at par. Provision is to be made in the lease for the ultimate increase of Manhattan to the total amount of \$60,000,000, the lease to be for a period of 990 years.

August Belmont, of the Interborough company, made the following statement this evening: "The directors of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company have this day, after previous long deliberation and investigation, determined for reasons which appear to them to be of the greatest importance as affecting the interests not only of the stockholders of the company, but of the city and the country, to lease the Manhattan system of elevated railway for a period of 990 years on the terms given out at this afternoon."

"It is believed that this plan when perfected will work out a prompt and satisfactory system of transit, both for the city and the country, and that it will be a common effort to stimulate, increase and develop facilities for transportation rather than as would have been the case if the properties had remained separate—being engaged largely in the effort to divert traffic the one from the other. It is not intended by this arrangement that any of the plans for the development of the Interborough system shall be interrupted or departed from. In the meanwhile, however, before these extensions can be completed the two systems will work in harmony. Nor is it intended to dispense with any additions which are desirable to the system, or to the property. The proposed authorized but unissued increase of capital stock of that company beyond the \$35,000,000 to \$60,000,000, an important part of the plan, has been provided for to that end."

"It is impossible, in any brief statement, to give in detail the advantage which—as the negotiations for a lease have progressed—have been made known to the public, and so far as the Manhattan system is concerned, we agree with him that a union of the two properties would bring about a conspicuously satisfactory solution of the

# "LEST WE FORGET"

## ALLEGED "FAKER" IN TROUBLE.

W. R. Draper Accused of Grossly Lying White Buffalo.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 26.—The case of William R. Draper, a newspaper correspondent of this city, who was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with being a fugitive from justice, came up for hearing today in the Court of Criminal Correction, and by mutual consent was postponed to Dec. 15.

Draper's offense was the authorship of an alleged libelous article concerning an Indian by the name of White Buffalo, of Oklahoma Territory, and published in the Philadelphia North American last July. The article was written at Wichita, Kan., but no proceedings have yet been instituted there. It is said, Mr. Van Valkenburg, editor, and Emory Foster, Sunday editor of the North American, accompanied by White Buffalo, Col. R. H. Pratt, superintendent of the Carlisle (Pa.) Indian school, at which institution White Buffalo was educated, and Judge James G. Gordon, of Philadelphia, came here to prosecute the case.

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## FIFTH BIG ERUPTION

### ANOTHER VIOLENT OUTBREAK BY ST. VINCENT'S LA SOUFFRIERE.

Georgetown and Chateau Belair Again Evacuated and No Communication with the Districts.

## RUIN AT QUEZALTENANGO

### FURTHER DETAILS OF SANTA MARIA'S GREAT HAVOC.

From the Sea to the Volcano Nothing Can Be Seen Except Ashes—Mountain Still Spouting.

KINGSTON, St. Vincent, Nov. 26.—A violent eruption of La Souffriere, the fifth big outbreak since the catastrophe of May 7, took place today. Georgetown and the village of Chateau Belair, situated on the west coast of St. Vincent, were again evacuated by their inhabitants. Telephonic communication in these districts is interrupted, owing to fierce lightning. Subterranean rumblings can be heard and volcanic clouds are seen from this city. The crater had been smoking constantly since the terrific eruption of Oct. 15.

## GUATEMALA'S DISASTER.

City of Quetzaltenango Visited by Rain—The Volcano Still Active.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—The volcano Santa Maria was in violent eruption when the Pacific mail steamer City of Panama which arrived here today, left there nine days ago. While the steamer lay at Champerico the mountain far away was spouting ashes, smoke and pumice stone, the flakes falling in showers all over the country.

The city of Quetzaltenango has been visited by ruin. Quetzaltenango is located at the base of Santa Maria on the eastern slope, and no fears have heretofore been entertained for the town's safety. All the damage reported has been on the western side, reaching from the mountains to the seashore, thirty miles away. That the work has been extended across the mountain is evidence of the terrible activity of the volcano.

Refugees are making their way to the seashore, traveling to Ocas or Champerico, and from these ports proceeding south by steamer. From the officers of the City of Panama it was learned that some of the planters are of the opinion that the ashes may be beneficial to the soil, and that the damage to the ranches may be only temporary.

Volcanic matter, it is said, is often a good fertilizer, and the rain of ashes may be a blessing in disguise. Absolute ruin stares many ranchers in the face and the livelihood of thousands of natives for many months to come has been shut off by the destructive work of the volcano. That the work of rehabilitating the farms will probably be in other hands than the present owners, for so great has been the damage that the majority of the planters may never recover from their losses.

M. E. Otto, a passenger on the City of Panama, describes the appearance of the land and sea in the neighborhood of the volcano. "As far as the eye can reach from Champerico," he said, "there is nothing to be seen but ashes and pumice stone. From the sea to the city a sea of ashes. From the sea to Santa Maria the country looked like as if it were covered by a boiling caldron. At times the discharge would be carried up a short distance into the air and then it would spread out like an umbrella and fall to the earth, covering trees, bushes and hills with a white shroud. At other times the discharge would seem to leap high into the air as if propelled by a shock that could be felt all the way to Champerico. Earthquakes were frequent and the people felt that their country rested on a very uncertain foundation. The people in Champerico seem unable to form any estimate of the number of lives lost, but they all agree that the work of devastation as far as the coffee plantations are concerned is

## W. L. MAY'S DISAPPEARANCE.

### He Is Alleged to Have Secured \$10,000 by Forgery Notes.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 26.—The disappearance of W. L. May, formerly of Providence, R. I., where he was a general agent of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, and later connected with the agency of the same company in Cincinnati, took place three months ago, but the fact has been suppressed by his wife and her friends until now. It now appears that he notified his wife that he would never come back until he had an abundance of money. The charge is made that a few days before he departed he procured \$10,000 by forged notes of a Mrs. Heine, whom he had met in the course of his insurance business. May married the daughter of an estimable family here, his father being Robert Reed, a well-known traveling salesman, who is blind.

## WILL INSURE EMPLOYEES

### ACTION OF THE EQUITABLE LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

Will Carry a \$1,000 Policy on Life of Each of the Clerks for Benefit of Families and Pension Fund.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—The Equitable Life Insurance Society announced at the close of business today to the clerical force at its home office that the society would forthwith insure the life of each employee for \$1,000, and keep the policy in force so long as he remains in the employment of the society, one-half of the amount of the insurance to be paid at the employee's death to his wife or family, or any designated beneficiary, the other half to go into a fund to be used by the officers for pensions, or in other ways to provide for living employees who have grown old or infirm in the service of the society. Over 600 persons are effected.

Fayerweather & Larew, incorporated manufacturers of leather belting, made the announcement to their employees today that a readjustment of wages had been made, based on the period of usefulness and the efficiency of each employee. The result will be a general advancement, benefiting 700 employees.

## PRESSURE TO BE APPLIED

### VENEZUELA TO BE COERCED BY BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

Joint Action to Be Taken and Customs Houses May Be Seized—Details Now Being Arranged.

BERLIN, Nov. 26.—Germany and Great Britain have determined to take joint action to collect their claims against Venezuela. The two powers are in correspondence over the form of this action. No time can be named when they will act, because the respective foreign offices have not agreed on the details. It is understood that only slight differences exist regarding the course to be followed. It is confirmed here that the United States is fully informed of the subject of the negotiations and knows that what is mediated will not infringe on the Monroe doctrine.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—Diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Venezuela have not been severed up to the present, though the foreign office would not be surprised if it was compelled to take a decisive step at any moment. Thus far Venezuela shows no signs of granting the reparations demanded and the question of the seizure of the Venezuelan customs has been discussed between Berlin and London as one of the various possible methods of obtaining satisfaction. No decision, however, has been reached regarding the course which shall be finally adopted.

## ONE MINER KILLED, SEVEN HURT.

JOHNSTON CITY, Ill., Nov. 26.—A terrific explosion of gas in the Williamson county Coal Company's mine here today resulted in the death of Leroy Hagard and the injury of seven other miners.

## SENATORS KEPT BUSY

### COMMITTEE ON TERRITORIES HAD NO TIME FOR PLEASURE.

Senator Beveridge Talks of the Trip Through Future States and of Committee's Work.

## BRASS BANDS AND RECEPTIONS

### SENATORS COULD HAVE BEEN WINED, DINED AND FETED.

Junket Covered Six Thousand Miles and Many Cities Were Visited—Political Pickings.

Senator Beveridge returned yesterday from a tour through New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, which he made in company with three members of a subcommittee of the Senate committee on Territories, of which he is chairman. The senator expected to leave last night for Washington, but he was unable to make connections and he will be in the city until some time today.

In speaking of the committee's trip Senator Beveridge said last night that it had been an exceedingly busy one. "We traveled about 6,000 miles and took over 500 pages of typewritten testimony," he said. "To do that in a little over two weeks kept us busy. I enjoyed the trip, and I think the other members of the party enjoyed it. As to the result of our observations nothing will be given out until our report is compiled and filed in the Senate."

In the party that made the trip were Senators Beveridge, of Indiana; Dillingham, of Vermont; Burnham, of New Hampshire, and Hettfield, of Idaho. The latter was the minority representative on the committee. Senator Bates, of Tennessee, and Senator Bard, of California, had expected to make the trip, but they were detained at home, the former by business and the latter by illness. In addition to the committee, Thomas R. Ship, private secretary to Senator Beveridge; State Senator A. D. Ogborn, of New Castle, official reporter; Stephen E. Hineshaw, assistant reporter; R. C. Slimen, of Washington, official interpreter, and L. G. Rothschild, of this city, were members of the party.

MET BY BRASS BAND. The party left Chicago in a private car Nov. 10. At the first town over the line in New Mexico a delegation of citizens, headed by a brass band and a reception committee, met the party to give the members a hearty welcome. A programme of receptions, fetes and entertainments was outlined by the enterprising trip, and the party was being held according to program, which would have made the trip one of unalloyed pleasure, but the senators met this display of hospitality with the courteous but firm declaration that they were there to work and not to enjoy themselves, contenting themselves with none of the receptions, etc. The reception committee endeavored to induce the senators to descend from their position, but in this they were unsuccessful, and the same thing was repeated at every city and town the party visited. As Mr. Ship put it last evening in telling of the trip:

"The senators left the bands play, and did not insist that the flags and bunting that were displayed in their honor be taken down. They did not object to the reception committee being held according to program, with the one change that the guests of honor be excused, but they insisted on getting down to work at once and sticking to it every hour they were in the Territories."

In each city visited the committee took the evidence of the postmasters, editors, ministers, superintendents of schools, business men and lawyers as to the various phases of territorial conditions. They inquired closely into the commercial, agricultural, mercantile, mining and industrial conditions and people of the Territories to statehood. In New Mexico the towns of Las Vegas, Lamy, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Deming and Ashcroft were visited; in Arizona, Prescott, Phoenix, Tucson, Maricopa, Bisbee and Douglas; in Oklahoma, Guthrie, Oklahoma City and Shawnee. The party also made a short trip into Indian Territory and passed through El Paso, Tex. At one time, in order to keep to the schedule for the trip, a run of

## RECORD FOR WORK.

In short, Senator Beveridge and his colleagues have established a new record for a senatorial committee. Had they so chosen they could have been dining and dined and feasted at every turn they made and the tour would have been a junketing trip in the usual acceptance of the term, but instead of this they did nothing but work, and they did that at such a pace that all the members of the party, with the possible exception of the Indiana senator, who is practically untrusting, were completely fatigued out. State Senator Ogborn has gone to his home in New Castle to recuperate and Secretary Ship said last night that he himself would be compelled to try the rest cure for a few days before proceeding to Washington.

"Baron Rothschild was the life of the party," by the way, said Mr. Ship. "He was a sort of general all work and all made a great hit with the senators. We had not been gone a day until they were all calling him 'Baron.' Even dignified Senator Burnham was one of the first to call him by that familiar title, and he was in demand at all times and places."

S. R. BELL, OF UNION CITY. Representative-Elect Opposed to Compulsory Adoption of Machines.

State Representative S. R. Bell, of Union City, who was an active member of the last Legislature and was returned by a substantial endorsement of his constituency, was in the city last night for the first time since the election. He said that he is looking forward with pleasure to the approaching session and hopes to see it a record breaker for business legislation.

Mr. Bell has no bill to introduce this year, although he is interested in one phase of the ditch law and may seek to have it amended. In regard to voting machines (CONTINUED ON PAGE 7, COL. 1.)

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### ROBBERS AT AKRON FORCED TO LEAVE WITHOUT BOOTY.

### Strong Box Resisted Their Efforts—Several